

**Outcome: Students identify and explain which journal type (popular or scholarly) is more appropriate for a topic, in order to distinguish when each type of source is appropriate.**

**Curriculum:**

- Definitions of popular and scholarly journals.
- Selection criteria of a journal type appropriate for a given topic

**Learning Activities:**

1. Students work in small groups. Each group is given a small selection (2-3) of scholarly journals and a small group of popular journals. They are given about 10 minutes to make a list of at least 5 ways the two types are different. Each group will report and a large list of “criteria” will be put on the board. (Instructor may pick student to write). Instructor should supplement list with any important criteria that have not been listed.

2. Identifying appropriate journal types for a list of topics.

In conducting this verbal exercise, the instructor will introduce a topic from list A and the students will identify the most appropriate type of journal to use. After answering Popular or Scholarly, the instructor will ask the students the related topic from list B. Instructor will explain, when appropriate, how different aspects of the same topic can effect the type of journal chosen.

**List A**

Baseball

AIDS

Interracial marriage

Date rape

Music censorship

Cloning

Steroids

Gun control

Animal rights

**List B**

History of the Negro League

State of current medical research in AIDS

Child psychology and Interracial marriage

Statistics about date rape on university campuses

Legal issues/ First amendment issues in relation to CD labeling

Ethical issues in human cloning / latest research in human cloning

Use of steroids among high school athletes / Medical effects of steroids

Relationship between gun ownership and homicide/suicide/crime rate

Animal experimentation in the cosmetics industry / Role of animal experimentation in cancer research

**Assessment:** Direct students to web page with following text and web form for feedback:

Pick **one** of the following two topics and state which would be a more appropriate sources for information, a scholarly journal of popular magazine. Referring to the criteria on the board, list two reasons why you made this choice.

1. The history and cultural significance of body piercing **OR** 2. Current body piercing trends among teens.

**Criteria:**

- The journal type selected is suitable for the topic.
- There are at least two reasons listed that are consistent with the criteria provided by the instructor.